

COMX 115-Evening
Interpersonal Communication
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Texts: Trenholm, S. & Jensen, A. (2013). Interpersonal Communication. (7th Ed.). Oxford University Press, New York. (you are responsible for contacting the MSU-N bookstore and purchasing your textbook, not getting your textbook is not an acceptable excuse for not turning in your work)

Homework and the final paper for class will be turned in through the D2L course shell.

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the basic theoretical and practical aspects of interpersonal communication. Areas of concentration will focus on variables associated with research in the discipline of communication, theories of communication, communication contexts, and application of information to multiple contexts. Verbal, nonverbal, and metacommunication will all be examined. Students will be expected to master the terminology of the discipline, the interrelation of discipline concepts, and the application of concepts and ideas to a variety of interpersonal contexts.

Assignments: There is an assignment for each chapter. You will write a 1-2 page response for the assignment. Make certain when submitting assignments that your name appears with the material. So if you write the assignment, submit it to the dropbox, I can open the attachment and still see who the assignment was from. Reading and assignments are in a separate document. There is an example homework assignment available at the bottom of the NEWS section of the course. Assignments must be submitted in a format that can be read by the system. The system reads Microsoft Word, so if you are using anything else you need to translate your homework into word before submitting it.

Final Paper: You will write a 3-4 page final paper for this class. Near the end of the class pick a movie and watch. Using the movie as raw material, discuss and analyze the movie using as much material from your reading as you can fit in. Be certain to use the concepts and language that you have learned from your readings.

Attendance: Much of this course will consist of discussions during the course of each evening class. To be prepared for that discussion you need to have done the required reading ***BEFORE*** the start of each class. Class discussions and homework may not always line up perfectly. You are expected to have done the required reading and subsequent homework whether or not class discussion has reached that topic.

Grades:	each homework assignment	20 points
	Final paper	50 points
	Each class attended	15 points

Final grades are figured as follows:

450 points and above	A
400-449	B
350-399	C
300-349	D
below 300	F

Reading Assignments: You are expected to have read and studied each chapter by no later than the date next to it.

Chapter One	Monday, August 31
Chapter Two	Tuesday, September 8
Chapter Three	Monday, September, 14
Chapter Four	Monday, September 21
Chapter Five	Monday, September 28
Chapter Six	Monday, October 5
Chapter Seven	Monday, October 12
Chapter Eight	Monday, October 19
Chapter Nine	Monday, October 26
Chapter Ten	Monday, November 2
Chapter Eleven	Monday, November 9
Chapter Twelve and Chapter Thirteen	Monday, November 16

Homework: Homework is due each Friday at 10:00 pm in the dropbox starting on September 4. An assignment is due every Friday EXCEPT Friday November 20th when two homework assignments are due and Wednesday December 2nd when the final paper is due.

DATES AND INFORMATION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SUCH CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS AND THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTING ALL CHANGES.